

Remarks

In the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) decision mailed August 31, 2009, the BPAI affirmed the rejection of claims 1 – 12 and reversed the rejection of claims 13 – 21. In accordance with the BPAI decision, claims 1 – 12 are canceled. Claims 13 – 21 are pending in the application.

Based on the BPAI decision, Applicants respectfully ask for a Notice of Allowance for claims 13 – 21.

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